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LCO No. 1758



Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING UNAUTHORIZED ELECTRIC SUBMETERING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 16-41 of the 2014 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) Each (1) public service company and its officers, agents and
5 employees, (2) electric supplier or person providing electric generation
6 services without a license in violation of section 16-245, and its officers,
7 agents and employees, (3) certified telecommunications provider or
8 person providing telecommunications services without authorization
9 pursuant to sections 16-247f to 16-247h, inclusive, and its officers,
10 agents and employees, (4) person, public agency or public utility, as
11 such terms are defined in section 16-345, subject to the requirements of
12 chapter 293, (5) person subject to the registration requirements under
13 section 16-258a, (6) cellular mobile telephone carrier, as described in
14 section 16-250b, (7) Connecticut electric efficiency partner, as defined
15 in section 16-243v, (8) company, as defined in section 16-49, and (9)
16 entity [approved to submeter pursuant to section 16-19ff] engaged in
17 electric submetering shall obey, observe and comply with all

18 applicable provisions of this title and each applicable order made or
 19 applicable regulations adopted by the Public Utilities Regulatory
 20 Authority by virtue of this title as long as the same remains in force.
 21 Any such company, electric supplier, certified telecommunications
 22 provider, cellular mobile telephone carrier, Connecticut electric
 23 efficiency partner, entity [approved to submeter] engaged in electric
 24 submetering, person, any officer, agent or employee thereof, public
 25 agency or public utility which the authority finds has failed to obey or
 26 comply with any such provision of this title, order or regulation shall
 27 be fined by order of the authority in accordance with the penalty
 28 prescribed for the violated provision of this title or, if no penalty is
 29 prescribed, not more than ten thousand dollars for each offense, except
 30 that the penalty shall be a fine of not more than forty thousand dollars
 31 for failure to comply with an order of the authority made in
 32 accordance with the provisions of section 16-19 or 16-247k or within
 33 thirty days of such order or within any specific time period for
 34 compliance specified in such order. Each distinct violation of any such
 35 provision of this title, order or regulation shall be a separate offense
 36 and, in case of a continued violation, each day thereof shall be deemed
 37 a separate offense. Each such penalty and any interest charged
 38 pursuant to subsection (g) or (h) of section 16-49 shall be excluded
 39 from operating expenses for purposes of rate-making.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16-41(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to impose penalties on those entities engaged in unauthorized electric submetering.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]